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SUBJ: ECUADOR WILL GO WITH THE MAJORITY AT OPEC CONFERENCE

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. GENERAL EDUARDO SEMBLANTES,
MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES, STATED PUBLICLY YESTERDAY
THAT "ECUADOR'S INTERESTS WILL BE BEST SERVED " IF HARMONY
PREVAELS AT THE DECEMBER CARACAS OPEC CONFERENCE, AND
THAT "THE GOE ATTITUDE AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ONE OF OBSER-
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VATION IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN UNITY" ON OPEC DECISIONS.
SEMBLANTES STRESSED THAT THE GOE HAS NOT MADE ANY PRONOUNCE-
MENT CONCERNING ITS POSITION ON AN OIL PRICE HIKE. HE SAID
THE GOE HAS MADE ECONOMIC STUDIES WHICH SUPPORT THE VIEW
THAT OPEC UNITY IS IMPORTANT FOR ECUADOR'S OIL EXPORTS.

2. SEMBLANTES ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECRETARY OF

OPEC, ALI M. JAIDAH, WILL VISIT QUITO IN DECEMBER TO
HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH VARIOUS GOE OFFICIALS.

3. SEMBLANTES, JAIDAH, AND THE GOE OPEC COMMITTEE WILL
LEAVE QUITO ON DEC. 17 FOR CARACAS. THE COMMITTEE
CONSISTS OF THE ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA,
ROQUE CANADAS, MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICIALS
RENE ORTIZ AND MAURO DAVALOS; AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE
MANAGER OF THE STATE OIL CORPORATION, ABELARDO PACHANO.
END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LOU. COMMENT: SEMBLANTES' COMMENTS DID NOT
COMMIT THE GOE TO ANY POSITION ON AN OIL PRICE HIKE, AND
IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT HE DID NOT EXPLICITLY OR IMPLICITLY
CALL FOR AN OIL PRICE HIKE. ECUADOR, THE SMALLEST MEMBER
OF OPEC, CAN BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW QUICKLY ANY GENERAL
CONSENSUS ON PRICES WHICH MAY DEVELOP. IN THE ABSENCE
OF SUCH A CONSENSUS, ECUADOR CAN BE EXPECTED TO PAY HEED
MAINLY TO VENEZUELA'S POSITION. END LOU.
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